In the Matter of the Petition

of

SCHMIEL KURTZ a/k/a CHIEL KURTZ

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income
Taxes under Article (s) 22 of the
Tax Law for the Year (s) 1970

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 2nd day of April , 1975, she served the within Notice of Decision (CAXARSECTION) by (certified) mail upon Schmiel Kurtz

*representative of) the petitioner in the within

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proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Schmiel Kurtz

a/k/a Chiel Kurtz 1630-53rd Street

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

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2nd day of April

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DATED.

Albany, New York

April 2, 1975

Mr. Schmiel Kurts a/k/a Chiel Kurts 1630-53rd Street Brooklyn, New York

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Dear Mr. Kurts:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section (s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

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STATE TAX COMMISSION

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SCHMIEL KURTZ a/k/a CHIEL KURTZ

DECISION

for a Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1970.

Petitioner, Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chiel Kurtz, has filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1970 (File No. 11-2044261). A formal hearing was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on November 20, 1974, at 2:45 P.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq. (James Scott, Esq. of Counsel).

ISSUE

Is petitioner, Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chiel Kurtz, liable for unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from Kennedy Knitting Mills, Inc. for the year 1970?

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Kennedy Knitting Mills, Inc. failed to pay over to the Income Tax Bureau, New York State personal income taxes withheld

from its employees during the year 1970 in the sum of \$974.70. The corporation is presently defunct.

- 2. On July 31, 1972, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chief Kurtz, imposing a penalty equal to the amount of New York State withholding taxes due from Kennedy Knitting Mills, Inc. for the year 1970 upon the grounds that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for, and pay over said taxes and that he willfully failed to do so. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Deficiency, it issued a Notice of Deficiency against him in the sum of \$974.70.
- 3. Kennedy Knitting Mills, Inc. was incorporated in 1964, It was engaged in the knitting business. Its plant was located at 1451 39th Street, Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Yessaye Levy was the sole stockholder and president of said corporation from 1964 through 1970. He was the chief operating officer of the corporation. He signed the corporate checks and tax returns.
- 4. Petitioner, Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chiel Kurtz, invested \$10,000 in Kennedy Knitting Mills in 1969. He subsequently loaned the corporation an additional \$5,000. He was to eventually receive a one-half interest in the business, if it was successful. He received a salary of \$150 a week from the time that he made the investment in the corporation until March, 1970. He worked part time at the plant doing odd jobs, but was not involved in the day to day financial affairs of the corporation

other than to occasionally take deposits to the bank. He was never elected an officer or director of the corporation. He was never issued any stock certificates of the corporation. He did not sign corporate tax returns. He did not receive any salary after March, 1970. He terminated his relationship with the corporation in June, 1970 when he discovered it was in financial trouble.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That petitioner, Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chiel Kurtz, was not a responsible officer who willfully failed to collect, truthfully account for, and pay over New York State withholding taxes due from Kennedy Knitting Mills, Inc. for the year 1970, and, therefore a penalty equal to the amount of unpaid withholding taxes should not have been assessed against him in accordance with the meaning and intent of sections 674, 685(g) and 685(n) of the Tax Law.
- B. That the petition of Schmiel Kurtz a/k/a Chiel Kurtz is granted and the Notice of Deficiency issued July 31, 1972 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York

STATE TAX COMMISSION

April 2, 1975

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

OMMISSIONER COMMISSIONER